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A year to reflect, a year to grow

Area experienced highs, lows in '98

By Scott Kelly
and Scott Cousins
Staff writers

Annexation wars, steel turmoil, construction projects, school scores and renovations, murder trials and refurbished bridges all made for a busy and eventful year in the Tri-Cities area.

The following are some of the major stories and issues that were reported in the Press-Record and Journal during 1998.

STEEL INDUSTRY IN TROUBLE

A creeping problem suddenly sprang on Granite City and every other steel-producing town in America this year as imports of foreign steel jumped to new all-time highs.

Foreign steel, illegally dumped on American markets, has galvanized both steel producers and unions to "Stand Up for Steel." The companies, including Granite City Steel and its parent company, National Steel Corp., are pressing the Clinton Administration and Congress to put an immediate damper on the flood of foreign product. By the end of 1998, Congress had passed a resolution that would ban imports for one year from countries found guilty of illegally dumping steel, but because the resolution is non-binding, it has no teeth. The Clinton Administration has merely promised to investigate the problem.

Dumping of foreign steel is undercutting domestic steel, union and company leaders say. Imports as of this summer totaled almost 50 percent of the market — and if left unchecked, will devastate the U.S. industry.

Jobs have been lost and blast furnaces have been idled. Granite City Steel has already laid off some workers and National Steel has idled a blast furnace at its Great Lakes Division.

Foreign steel is part of the reason Laclede Steel of Alton filed for Chapter 11 reorganization, although it's

not the major one. As of early December, Granite City Steel had no new orders and were anxious about things picking up soon.

Concern about dumped steel climaxed at a Stand Up For Steel rally in October in Granite City, attended by thousands of steel workers, their families, concerned residents, politicians, company and union leaders. Similar rallies were held around the country.

MITCHELL INCORPORATION MOVES AHEAD

Mitchell incorporation advocates had some successes and some defeats in 1998. Their efforts culminated in a hearing Dec. 17 that, when continued in January, may finally decide the proposed village's fate.

In July, the Madison County Board approved a 7.28-square-mile map as the boundaries of Mitchell over the objections of several surrounding cities. Granite City, Pontoon Beach and Edwardsville offered a smaller, compromise map.

However, the County Board rejected it, and the cities proceeded with their legal objections to the incorporation as presented to the court. Associate Judge Randall Bono will decide in January whether Mitchell supporters have the required 7,500 people. Objectors say they do not, especially because of recent annexations cutting into the area supporters want to incorporate.

If Bono rules in their favor, the matter will be left in the hands of voters during the April ballot.

At the same time, the Fifth Appellate Court in Mt. Vernon upheld Bono's 1997 dismissal of Mitchell supporters' first map, more than twice the size of the 7.28 map, and effectively ended the first incorporation attempt.

MELVIN PRICE BASE UNDER RECID OF EXCESS

The Melvin Price Support Base (formerly the Granite City

Army Depot) is undergoing a Record of Excess, a process the Army Material Command has ordered to decide what parts of the base can be considered excess property.

AMC no longer wants to pay the overhead costs of keeping the base open, especially when the Army only uses 28 percent of the base. The process is not the same as a BRAC, or Base Realignment and Closing, but it can have similar effects.

The military wants to find another federal agency or agencies to come in and set up shop. Failing that, the base would be opened up for the private sector and the surrounding cities to use.

Granite City, Madison and Venice all have a stake in the base, and if the military decides all or part of the base is excess, the cities would need to find uses for it.

Along with the military and the cities, the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello and the Madison County Board are attempting to find uses for the base should it fall into public and private hands. Local leaders have indicated there is a strong possibility the military presence at Price will be reduced.

FANTASYLAND OWNER CONVICTED

Everette O. Baker, 53, of St. Louis, was found guilty of 15 counts of money laundering, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and five counts of engaging in monetary transactions in excess of \$10,000 involving proceeds of unlawful activity in connection with prostitution at the Fantasyland Massage Parlor, the Fantasyland Night Club and other businesses in the complex, located in Brooklyn.

A jury in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis found Baker guilty on all counts after a seven-week trial. Baker had originally been indicted in September 1997.

Baker maintained his

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Tri-City area residents experienced many highs and lows throughout 1998. Above, a spectacular fire Nov. 2 destroyed Jack and Jill's Furniture at the corner of Niedringhaus and Delmar. In downtown Granite City, Police and federal agents later declared the blaze an arson. Left, Granite City loves parades; regardless of the season. Shown here is September's Labor Day parade, which featured floats and marchers from the various local unions and their supporters. Steel unions, workers and area residents showed their pride in the area's core industry in October by taking part in one of several nationwide "Stand Up for Steel" rallies against illegal foreign dumping.



Children's Home & Aid Society sponsoring February babysitting clinic

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

It used to be that almost anybody who survived their own childhood was considered qualified to babysit for others. But like everything else, babysitting has become more complicated.

To help prepare youths between 10 and 15 years old to look after others, the Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois Child Care Resource & Referral Program is sponsoring a baby sitting clinic from 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Collinsville Memorial Public

Library, 408 W. Main St., Collinsville.

The babysitting clinic is one of several offered by CHASI. Most of the others are geared toward professional child care providers and count toward Illinois Department of Children and Family Services training hours.

The babysitting clinic includes the fundamentals of babysitting, safety precautions, accident prevention tips, diapering and feeding procedures, and fun activities. Participants are asked to bring several items, including empty soda cans, cereal boxes, socks and brown grocery bags.

The cost of the clinic is \$10 per person, which includes lunch.

For information call Janice Moenster toll-free at (800) 467-9200, extension 135. Other programs being offered by CHASI include:

• First Aid — Jan. 14 and

Feb. 11, at the American Red Cross, 3701 Nameoki Road, Granite City. The cost is \$15. The registration deadline is Jan. 11 and participants must have a current adult CPR certification.

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By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

MADISON

An ordinance to more strictly regulate boarded-up buildings and discussion of problems with some real estate agents were among items discussed at Tuesday's Madison City Council meeting.

The council approved a

motion to have City Attorney Casper Nighobossian prepare an ordinance dealing with boarded-up properties ready for the next meeting.

The matter has been the subject of discussion among city officials since a property owner has done what Mayor John Hamm called a "poor" job of boarding up a commercial/apartment building on Madison Avenue. The new ordinance would

stiffen requirements for boarding up buildings, and violators would be brought before the city's administrative hearing officer rather than be taken to court.

"Some of them are not in compliance now, but we want to have a fresh ordinance when we go after them," said Hamm.

The council also discussed problems with some real estate agents.

The problems came to light when people moved into a home near Hamm without an occupancy permit.

Building Inspector George Hlava visited the home and told them about a number of problems that had to be corrected before an occupancy permit could be issued.

The city provides a free

before-sale inspection for homes and provides lists of problems to real estate agents, which are to be passed on to the new owners.

Hamm said the company that sold the home did not pass on the information or tell the new owners about the occupancy permit requirement.

Hamm declined to name the real estate company at this time.

"We don't need this type of real estate agents coming into the city and circumventing our laws," said Alderman Steve Hampsey.

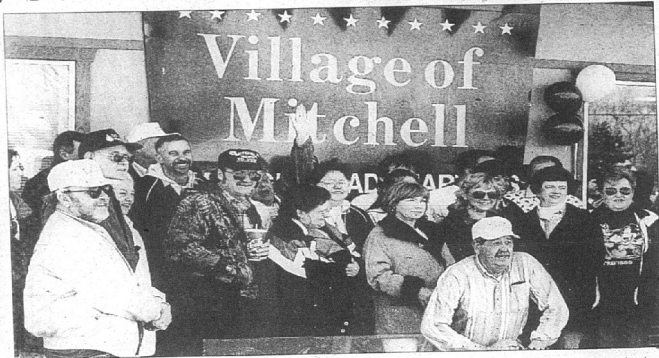
Aldermen asked if the city could require some kind of license for real estate agents, but Nighobossian said only the state can license them.

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Year in Review

1998: Baker convicted, investment tops \$1B

Big year for Gateway International Raceway



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innocence throughout the trial, saying he prohibited women working for him from engaging in prostitution and if they did, he didn't know about it.

Highlights of the trial included testimony from the husband of one of the workers who barged in on her performing a sex act on another man, testimony from Brooklyn's mayor and police chief saying they didn't know prostitution was occurring at the businesses and accusations that an Internal Revenue Service agent attempted to coerce sex from one of Baker's employees.

Prosecutors said that between 1990 and April 7, 1997, Baker laundered in excess of \$3 million in prostitution proceeds derived from his massage parlor business. They also said Baker used proceeds from prostitution to make payments on a construction loan for the building at 208 N. Second St. Baker's son, Edward Everett Johnson, 32, of Madison, who took control of the business in April 1997, had been charged in February with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering.

PRIVATE INVESTMENT TOPS \$1 BILLION

Private sector investment in the Southwestern Illinois region has topped \$1 billion — an all-time high.

According to the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois' annual Market Review and Investment Update, private and public investments totaled about \$3.5 billion for the region.

The private sector investment figures include major commercial, industrial, office/professional and institutional investments. Included are projects that have been announced, are under construction or have been recently completed.

Jim Pennekamp, executive director of the council, said that the growth is a result of a calculated effort to improve the region's infrastructure, especially its transportation network.

GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY KEEPS GROWING
In two years, Gateway International Raceway in Madison has grown from "the swamp" to a major motorsports park, and more big changes are in store for the coming year.

Although plans to almost double the capacity of the track and add a bridge to the infield have been modified, the track will have a whole new

look next year. That includes plans to add 20,000 more seats and light the track and parking areas.

GIR has been working with the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority to obtain about 140 acres west of the track for a parking lot, but that effort is currently tied up in court.

Other changes will be the addition of about 30,000 seats and a tunnel into the infield.

Track officials previously said they would be adding about 50,000 seats next year, but GIR President and General Manager Rod Wolter said they have to add infrastructure, such as water pipes, before that can be accomplished.

The 100,000 spectator mark is the "magic number" to bring a NASCAR Winston Cup Series race — considered the top flight in NASCAR racing — to Gateway.

Track officials have said a major goal is luring a Winston Cup race to Gateway in 2000.

MADISON ANNEXATION BATTLES CONTINUE
While Madison was able to solidify its boundaries to the north, annexation battles with Fairmont City and St. Clair County took off again this year when the county filed a lawsuit to nullify a series of Madison's annexations.

At stake is who would have the ability to annex portions of the former village of National City and related properties, including the St. Louis National Stockyards.

If the county's lawsuit is successful, it could give

Fairmont City an uncontested avenue to annex the stockyards and could stall further annexation by Madison. However, if Madison wins, it would block Fairmont City from further annexations.

Madison officials have expressed a willingness to negotiate a deal giving Fairmont City a clear path to the stockyards, but Fairmont City officials have declined.

The suit, which alleges that eight annexations by the city of Madison between Feb. 13, 1996 and June 2, 1998 are illegal because the properties were not contiguous to Madison, was filed by the St. Clair County State's Attorney's office.

Some of the disputed property includes overlapping annexations by Fairmont City. A motion to move the case to Madison County was denied, but is expected to be decided.

PAULA MILES GETS 25 YEARS
Paula Miles was sentenced to 25 years in prison on Jan. 27 for murdering her husband, Paul.

Circuit Judge Charles Roman Jr. found Miles guilty of murder Oct. 20, 1997, after Miles waived her right to a jury trial and opted instead for a bench trial.

Miles had given police several versions of what happened Nov. 8, 1995. Her stories included her husband committing suicide, a burglar killing him and her 3-year-old child shooting him. Police and prosecutors did not believe her stories and uncovered enough



Staff photos

Clockwise from upper left, in March, Mitchell incorporation supporters opened their "Village Hall" on Chain of Rocks Road. Incorporation supporters gained a significant victory in court during the year, but the issue is still being litigated in the court; Madison Middle School Principal Raelynn Parks kisses a pig at an assembly celebrating improvement on state test scores; and contractors and the Granite City School District completed renovations on Granite City High School ahead of schedule and under budget.

evidence to name her as the sole suspect.

VENICE DEFAULTS ON MCKINLEY BRIDGE LOANS
Citing increased maintenance costs, the city of Venice defaulted on approximately \$4.3 million in bonds on the

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McKinley Bridge City officials have been negotiating with the city and a tentative agreement would triple the interest on the bonds to 6 percent. Mayor Tyrone I. the final agreement approved by bondholders would lock in the payment for 10 years. One consideration is the loss of a year agreement with the Railroad Association. The worst-case scenario is the city would be bondholders were control of the bridge is unlikely.

One of the reasons are in default is the cost of maintaining the bridge. The city has doubled the cost of maintaining the bridge. The city plans to pay off the outstanding bonds and make improvements. Combined with state money earmarked for repairs, that would add to \$7.5 million in renovations to the bridge approaches completed recently.

Earlier in the year, the City Council without major repairs.

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Chouteau Island settlement reached

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McKinley Bridge in October. City officials have been negotiating with bondholders and a tentative agreement would triple interest rates on the bonds to 6 percent.

Mayor Tyrone Echols said if the final agreement is approved by bondholders, it would lock in the interest payment for 10 years.

One consideration in the deal is the loss of a yearly lease agreement with the Terminal Railroad Association.

The worst-case scenario for the city would be if the bondholders were to take control of the bridge, but that is unlikely.

One of the reasons the bonds are in default is the increasing cost of maintaining the bridge. The city has doubled the work and inspection crews at a cost of about \$750,000 per year.

The city plans to borrow approximately \$15 million to pay off the outstanding bonds and make improvements to the bridge. Combined with federal and state money already earmarked for repairs, that would give them approximately \$21 million in repairs. That would be in addition to \$7.5 million in renovations to the eastern approaches completed recently.

Earlier in the year, Echols told the City Council that without major repairs, within

five years, the deck on the western side of the bridge would fail and force the closing of the bridge.

HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS COMPLETE
Students walked the halls of a newly-renovated Granite City High School this fall after Granite City Community Unit District 9 contractors completed the \$14 million project under budget and ahead of schedule.

The renovations were necessary to make the old building up-to-date and unified in its electrical and plumbing systems and accessibility, to fix all the leaks and turn the school, originally built in 1920, with its various additions, into a smoothly-functioning school.

Various past and present members of the Board of Education and various district officials joined community leaders and alumni May 17 to celebrate the completed project.

Voters in 1994 approved the bond issue that made the renovations possible. District officials opted for the project rather than demolish the school and start from scratch, a project that would have cost more than twice as much as the renovations.

COUNTY VOTERS SPLIT PARTIES ON MAJOR RACES

Madison County voters split

Support for Fitzgerald was

very strong in Madison

County, where he picked up 59

percent of the vote, 41,958 to 27,813. For governor, Poshard was favored by county voters over Ryan 52 percent to 47 percent.

Fitzgerald was able to capitalize on Moseley-Braun's numerous controversies in her one term as U.S. Senator, as well as a very negative perception against her by many voters downstate and in the Metro-East area.

CHOUTEAU ISLAND AGREEMENT REACHED
The cities of Madison, Granite City and Venice and Madison County reached an agreement on the annexation of parts of Chouteau Island and surrounding properties.

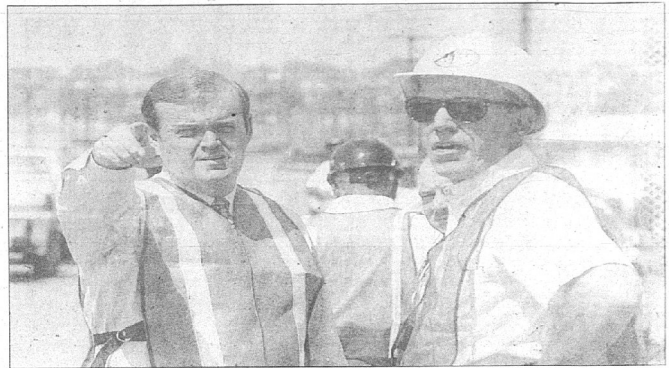
Because of the makeup of the Tri-City Port Authority and the presence of federal property, all four municipalities had to agree to a settlement.

The agreement settles the annexation issue for Chouteau Island, the Tri-City Port District, and most likely, federal properties on both sides of the Chain of Rocks Canal.

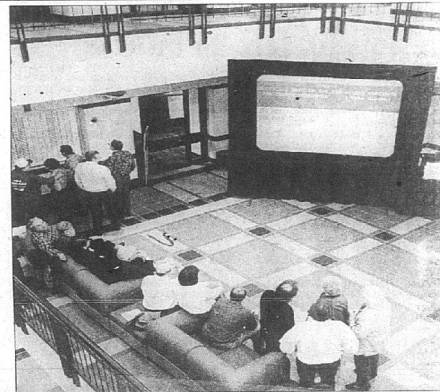
It could also pave the way for a vertical expansion of Waste Management Inc.'s Chain of Rocks Landfill. As part of the agreement, the lawsuit filed by Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine against the 1996 annexation of approximately 640 acres on Chouteau Island, including the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge and the landfill, was dropped.

Granite City would be allowed to annex the Tri-City Port District. Granite City will

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John Frese and Scott Cousins photos Above, Illinois 12th District U.S. Rep Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte, who won re-election in November, met with McKinley Bridge consultant Tom Fields in June. Costello helped secure \$3.9 million in federal funds earmarked for improvements on the bridge. During the year, the city of Venice, who owns the bridge, defaulted on bonds on the bridge in part because of the aging structure. Right, although Madison County voters favored U.S. Rep. Glenn Poshard (pictured) over Secretary of State George Ryan for Illinois governor by a margin 52 percent to 47 percent, Ryan eventually won the governorship.



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Obituaries

Charles Bradley

CHARLES W. BRADLEY, 46, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1998, at Belleville Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Bradley was born Aug. 3, 1952, in Shreveport, La. He was employed by Cater Air as an airline account manager and was a volunteer with Protestant Welfare.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine (Green) Bradley, his children, Amber Swanson of Granite City, Abbey Bradley and Missy Bradley, both of Farmington, Mo.; his stepchildren, Sandra Vaughn of St. Louis and Corey Malina of Granite City; his mother, Glenna Fomby of Tokarkana, Ark.; his stepfather, Robert Fomby of Tokarkana, Ark.; two brothers, Rick Bradley of Boston and Glenn Bradley of Dallas; one sister, Susan Bradley of Tokarkana, Ark.; and three grandchildren.

No services were held. Per Mr. Bradley's wishes, his remains were cremated.

Thomas Memorial Mortuary handled the arrangements.

Margaret Glasgow

MARGARET (SMITH) GLASGOW, 85, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998, at Sunrise Care Rehabilitation Center in Edwardsville.

Mrs. Glasgow was born March

12, 1913, in Cumberland City, Tenn. She had worked at Granite City Steel as a production worker and was a member of Branciff Ladies Auxiliary and was a volunteer with The Salvation Army.

Survivors include her son, Ronald Glasgow of Granite City; one daughter, Phyllis Allen of Granite City; one brother, Thomas Smith of Granite City; four sisters, Edna Glasgow of Granite City, Ella Daniel of Greenville, Henrietta Bagwell of Clarksville, Tenn., and Edith Wilkey of St. Joseph; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Glasgow; her parents, Henry and Nancy (Clements) Smith; one sister, Vera Hughes; and her daughter, Brenda Glasgow.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Michael Davis officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the Church or the Hospice of Madison County.

Anthony Vesco

ANTHONY VESCO, 87, of Maryville, died Monday, Dec. 28, 1998, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville.



Mr. Vesco was born June 13, 1911, in Comopasso, Italy. He was a business owner in Granite City. He was a Studebaker dealer in the 1940s and was a retired chairman of the board of Vesco Inc., a beer distributorship in Granite City.

He developed Oaklawn Terrace and Cloverleaf Subdivisions and was past president of the Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois, a fourth-degree Member of the Knights of Columbus, a 40-year member of Granite City Elks Lodge and a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Florence (Clyde) Vesco; two sons, Anthony (Jesse) of Maryville and George (Buddy) Vesco of Billings, Mo.; one daughter, Janet Taylor of Godfrey; three brothers, Mike Vesco and Frank Vesco, both of Granite City, and Ralph Vesco of Troy; three sisters, Janet Pedraza of Collinsville and Rose Parker of Columbus, N.C.; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday, Dec. 31, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 401 Glen Carborn. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carborn.

Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

Edwardsville police address killing

By Steve Whitworth
Staff writer

Edwardsville Director of Police Bennett Dickmann is trying to quell some of the speculation surrounding last month's killing of Michael Kafka.

Dickmann issued a news release last week stating that speculation surrounding the case could compromise the investigation. The police chief made a veiled reference to a recent newspaper article that attributed information about the case to unnamed "authorities close to the investigation."

"At this point in the investigation, assigned officers refuse to speculate on someone's intentions as absolute, despite the belief of 'authorities' outside the team of investigators," Dickmann's release said.

"Such conclusions can hurt the investigation process and be misleading, even if they eventually prove accurate."

Dickmann also addressed reports that two 911 calls received by the

Edwardsville Public Safety Answering Point in the hours before Kafka's body was discovered may have been linked to the killing.

The first of the calls was received just before 7 p.m. on Dec. 22. The caller apparently made a bomb threat against the Wal-Mart store at 300 Junction Drive in Glen Carbon. One news account has speculated the call was intended as a diversion to distract police from activities related to Kafka's killing, Dickmann's statement said.

About 45 minutes to an hour later, a second 911 call made from an outdoor pay telephone suggested that someone had been shot on Hadley Avenue, Kafka lived at the latter section of Madison and Hadley avenues.

"Two patrol units were dispatched to investigate that report, which was received about one hour before Michelle Kafka called, saying she found her husband's body," Dickmann's statement said.

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Where Beautiful Things Begin

Here we are in early January, Christmas is done and gone and there's not much to look forward to, especially for gardeners. There's little we can do about the weather outside, but there's plenty to take care of in the warmer climates. Like inside your home.

That's right, it's definitely time to give your houseplants some needed attention. After all, they were probably neglected a mite during the last few weeks.

Plants are classified according to the amount of light they need for good growth, and those categories are low, medium and high light.

An example of low light is an area that receives no direct sunlight at all, such as a window facing north. Windows facing east or west usually provide medium light, with the plant getting direct light either in the morning or evening. High light will come from a window that's constantly in the sun, such as one facing south, with no type of shade such as trees or awnings.

An easy way to determine the amount of light in an area is to hold your hand twelve inches above a white sheet of paper. If your hand doesn't cast a shadow or a very faint one, the light intensity is low. The darker and more defined the shadow is, the higher the light level.

It's usually necessary to add supplemental lighting in low light areas, especially during the winter months. Fluorescent lighting is far better than incandescent, because it produces light over a wider range of the spectrum.

When spraying plants with any type of insecticide, don't take it for granted the product can be safely used indoors. Some cannot. If the label doesn't specifically state that it's okay for indoor use, you should not do so.

Enough water should be applied to contain plants to allow some to drain from the bottom. The excess water should flow freely away from the plant and its container so the water doesn't collect around the base. If the container is in a saucer, wait for all of the water to drain through, then you can empty the water from the saucer. This normally takes fifteen minutes or so.

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Individuals now have an opportunity to send a personal message to Pope John Paul II. The Suburban Journals will publish a Pope John Paul II commemorative section Jan. 24. The special section, sponsored by the Westfield Shoppingtowns, will preview the pope's historic visit to St. Louis Jan. 26-27.

The section will feature information on the pope such as his interesting background and his many travels around the world. It will give a behind-the-scenes look at the tremendous amount of work involved in preparing for the pope's visit to St. Louis.

The section also will include

"Inspirational Messages to the Pope." Individuals can write messages of best wishes or a personal prayer to the pope. Deadline is Jan. 18. With your message, include name, city and state.

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Madison Council approves tower

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A request for a special use permit to place a cellular transmission tower on city-owned property on State Street in Madison was approved over the objections of several residents at Tuesday's meeting.

The Council voted 7-1 in favor of the recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals to allow the permit. Alderman Sue Miller voted against the proposal.

Several residents objected to the tower at Tuesday's meeting, including one man — Robert Dugan — who said he was concerned about his property values.

John King, an attorney for Southwestern Bell, said the tower will be used to fill "holes" in the company's cellular telephone coverage. The city lease the property to the company. It will also be able to use the tower for its own purposes, including police and fire radio transmissions and a warning siren.

In other business, the Council approved a proposal from Barnett's Termite & Pest Control to deal with potential rodent problems in the old Union Electric property off of Eagle Park Road.

The property was recently purchased and annexed by the city.

Mayor John Hamm said the property contained what were probably some of the last makeshift hog pens in the area.

He said people keeping animals have been told that they were to have the animals off by Jan. 1.

After that date, the city will tear down the pens. Hamm

said they were concerned that rats in the area might start roaming after their food supply runs out.

City officials are also concerned about what they will do with a number of pens that have broken out of their pens and gone wild, including what they said was a sow weighing an estimated 600 pounds.

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A tiny ant can teach all of us a valuable life lesson

One of the greatest secrets of success today will learn from a tiny ant.

There is no royal road over which we are carried to achieve anything noteworthy, one step at a time and each step in succession. That which steadily perseveres will endure.

The Book of Proverbs says, "Go watch the ant, you who are not trying hard enough."

There was once a soldier who was forced to hide from his enemies in an abandoned concrete silo. He had been on the run for days. Exhausted and weary, he almost gave up to hopelessness.

As the soldier looked down on the barren floor, there appeared a tiny ant. The insect was carrying a crumb of bread and was attempting to climb up the high, steep wall. The

A New You



Catherine Galasso

crumb kept falling, the ant refused to give up.

The man counted the ant's attempt to get the crumb up to a window to the outside. The crumb fell 70 times to the ground. The soldier watched in incredible awe as each time the ant again and again

patiently shouldered its burden and continued to try. The ant persevered.

On the 71st time the insect reached the top. That tiny ant's persistence gave the man courage and hope to keep on trying. Two days later, freedom was his.

God sent His grace with a great example of encouragement in the form of a tiny ant. If you think nothing of important is happening around you, then perhaps you are being too careless in your observation. Observe everything and everybody. And remember the saying, "Practice makes perfect."

Everyone has a reason for being here. If you have breath in your body you have a goal yet to still achieve. The best goal God recognizes is the goal you have that will help and

uplift someone else.

Persist to make the world a better place. You can do it. There is a way to make a difference. God blesses those who keep on trying. There must be something you can do for someone else.

You can make your goal a certain number of smiles to give each day. If you give you will automatically receive. So give help, encouragement, and the joy of life to others.

If you want to write a book that you feel will help others, don't give up. If you want to paint a picture to give others insight to beauty, never quit. If you want to give your own family more joy, continue to persist.

Make something extraordinary out of your life. First your task will seem impossible. Then, it will be

difficult. Finally with persistence it will get done.

If you only knew the love that God has for you and how beautiful you are in His sight, you would never be discouraged again. Pray to see yourself through His eyes and you will be amazed at how much more beautiful you become each day.

God can reveal to you your true potential. You have so much talent and the ability to do anything. Just never give up. He made each person to accomplish something great. You were born with a great capacity for giving. All you need is a compassionate, caring heart committed to God and He will direct your path.

Even through adversity, keep on trying. God is with the person who refused to quit. Eventually you will reach your

destiny.

So start today. Ask God, "What can I do?" Get one of the bracelets with "WWDJ" or it and ask yourself daily, "What Would Jesus Do?" Somehow, you will begin to know what you are supposed to do to shed life, love and joy on the lives of others.

You can do wonders. God placed a great ability for achievement in you. Just keep on and you will reach your goal with sure success.

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the Suburban Journals. She may write to her at Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net

Children's Aid Society hosting clinic

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• Opening A Family Child Care Business — 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Jan. 26, at CHASI, 2133 Johnson Road, Granite City. The cost is \$20 and the registration deadline is January 20.

• Record Keeping, Taxes and Financial Planning for the Family Child Care Provider — 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Edwardsville Public Library, 112 S. Kansas St., Edwardsville. The cost is \$20 and includes a free tax book for 1998. The registration deadline is Feb. 5.

• What is DAP? (Developmentally Appropriate Practice) — 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Parson/Teacher Tools Inc., 1400 South Lincoln, O'Fallon. There is no registration fee, but pre-registration is required. For information the other clinics, call (800) 467-9200.

Guns stolen from garage

A Venice woman reported six guns were stolen from a locked garage Tuesday.

The guns had belonged to the victim's father and had been put in the garage because she was concerned about having the guns around her grandchildren.

According to reports, police were called to a home in the 500 block of Washington. The woman said that sometime between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., somebody cut the lock of her garage, bypassed several bicycles and other items, broke through a second door and took the guns — two rifles and four shotguns.

The victim said the guns had been in the garage since July and that only she and her daughter knew about them until about two weeks ago, when a friend brought somebody to the house who was interested in buying the guns.

— Scott Cousins

Milestones

Charles "Mike" Foley celebrates a birthday today, Jan. 3. Libby Wilson celebrates a birthday today, Jan. 3.

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To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones," Granite City Journal, 1815 DeMar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

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Guest Column Does a casino really belong in Columbia? Some say yes, some say no, but we should decide

By John McCullough

If the attention over the Brian Stewart matter was not enough, the local news outlets have now picked up the news stories about a casino coming to Columbia.

I'm not trying to make any connection between Brian Stewart and the casino issue, other than to say the Columbia area has been getting attention some would prefer not to get.

The possibility of a casino is, without a doubt, one of the most difficult issues this community will face. It makes the racetrack proposal look simple by comparison.

Take all of the same issues as the racetrack, multiply them tenfold, add in all the moral concerns and then try to make a sensible decision about how, as a community, you want to tackle this issue.

I don't know what's the right answer. I've never been particularly interested in the gambling boats. This isn't because I have been anti-gambling. It's just that I've never felt strongly either way.

However, I've already noticed from the comments and letters in the local papers that the battle lines are starting to form. We now have an organized group opposing the casino.

What makes this a difficult issue is both sides have legitimate arguments. That always makes it tough.

On one side, people want the infusion of money into the community. On the other side, people don't want the problems that a casino would bring.

There are those who have strongly held religious beliefs against gambling. There are people who like to gamble in places like Las Vegas or Atlantic City, but don't think casinos should be in a residential community. All of these points are legitimate.

When faced with this type of situation, we owe it to ourselves to make sure any decision is well-thought-out. I'd also like to think people in the community make this decision rather than outside interests.

I noticed the anti-casino group was trying to raise money. I hope it doesn't come down to which group outspends the other. You know who's going to lose.

The Missouri "Boats in Moats" referendum was relatively close. I just recently heard how much each side spent. The difference was staggering.

A week prior to the election, the pro-casino group, who called themselves "Missourians for Fairness and Jobs," had spent \$8 million and still had more than \$2 million to spend.

The main group opposed to the vote had spent around \$150,000. This should probably tell us something. When you have so much at stake financially, people are willing to try to win, no matter how much it costs.

When \$10 million is spent simply on advertising to get voter support for a single issue, I get concerned.

I've always been concerned about how people behave when they are influenced by potentially large sums of money. It tends to bring out the worst in people. It seems to bring out the attitude you can actually get something for nothing.

My guess is the people who built this community had the expectation they had to work for what they got.

The folks who are for the casino seem to believe their taxes will plummet when all the casino money comes rolling in. I would like to know if this has happened in other areas.

Have people been moving to Alton or St. Charles because of the low taxes? I've heard some of these casinos, specifically in Alton and St. Charles, are not doing as well as they once were. One in Kansas City has closed.

The fact a license may now be available means another Illinois casino hasn't made it. If you look at the casinos on the Gulf Coast, a number have gone under when newer places opened up.

This may ultimately boil down to how people want their community to be known.

It has been known as a good place to live. Can you still have a relatively quiet, family-oriented community and have a casino in the backyard?

I'm concerned any short-term financial gain could be outweighed by the long-term effects of being a gambling town.

John McCullough is an attorney in St. Louis with the firm of Evans and Dixon. He lives in Columbia with his wife and 10-year-old son.



Letters To The Editor

**Anchors, leaders
need history lesson**

To The Editor:
Last week, Tim Russert, long-time host of NBC's "Meet the Press," waved a 20-dollar bill in the air and proclaimed, "This man was impeached by Congress, and he ended up on the 20-dollar bill!"

This week, Judge Robert Bork made a similar statement, and minutes later a female news correspondent whose name I do not know alluded to Andrew Jackson as a U.S. president who escaped impeachment by only one vote.

I do not know where these people received their instruction in American history, but I trust it was not in the nation's public schools. If so, we're in a lot more trouble than I imagined.

I think it is not only incredible, but downright immoral, that people who do not know the difference between this country's seventh president, Andrew Jackson, and it's 17th president, Andrew Johnson, are given access to network news television.

Small wonder that Judge Bork failed in his bid for a seat on the United States Supreme Court.

Am I mistaken, or are sound judicial decisions frequently dependent upon an accurate knowledge of history?

Owen E. Humphrey

**Granite City
St. Louis teams
are a generous lot**

To The Editor:
St. Louis is a sports town. It's also a generous town. As we reflect on 1998, the United Way of Greater St. Louis says thanks to our generous sports teams for a great giving season. Our teams and organizations — owners, staff and players — are winners in this community in ways that go beyond won-and-lost records. Many in need benefit deeply from their generosity and compassion. They care.

How have they cared? The entire Rams organization celebrated the 25th anniversary of the National Football League/United Way partnership by participating in a Rams game jersey giveaway to benefit United Way at the Rams-Minnesota Vikings game Sept. 13. It also hosted the 1998 fund-raising campaign kickoff.

Rams free safety Keith Lyle was the featured local player in NFL public service announcements for the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

And others got into the sporting spirit this fall. The board of the Boone Valley Golf Club, through the Senior PGA TOUR Boone Valley Classic, donated generously to the United Way. And the St. Louis Blues hosted the first United

Way-Blues Night at a Blues-Chicago Blackhawks preseason game in September and also provided attractive incentives for contributors.

Earlier this year, Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. helped kids who otherwise wouldn't have had the chance see home run king Mark McGwire. They provided 3,500 tickets for United Way agencies used at the United Way Kids' Night at the Ballpark. At the same game, the St. Louis Cardinals hosted a pre-game event that focused attention on volunteers, employee groups and the United Way's work in the community.

We're fortunate in St. Louis to have teams and organizations that give generously to the United Way of Greater St. Louis. They deserve our thanks for caring.

We want people who live here to know that.

Charmaigne Chapman
President and CEO
of Greater St. Louis

**Evil liberals
will destroy us**

To The Editor:
Our country is probably on the threshold of making a major decision that will dictate the direction our country will be headed for many years to come. That decision, of course, is the disposition of the case against President Clinton.

We will either continue to be pushed around by the liberal left media like a bunch of dumb animals or we will have the courage to speak up and demand that justice be done.

The liberal left are preaching the issue as simply a matter of sexual indiscretion. The problem is

much deeper than that. The question at the root of the problem is, "Are we, as a nation, going to endorse the lie as an acceptable device to use in our daily lives to accomplish whatever goals we desire?"

If we say it's permissible for the president to do so, we say it's permissible for anyone to do so as they see fit.

Justice demands truth. Without justice there is tyranny.

Do you want to live in a society that says a person with the biggest gun or biggest lie reigns supreme? Is that the inheritance you want to pass on to your children and their children?

Charles Eckert
Belleville

**Encourage your kids;
it makes a difference**

To The Editor:
Why can't adults and parents of our young children, in some better way, encourage our offspring more to think about what they would like to be when they become adults?

I attended certain classes at Belleville Area College after passing my GED exams in the early 1970s. In talking to different students, many of them told me their parents said if they didn't get a job, they should go to school. Most of them didn't know what they wanted to be or do in the future.

We took our two little boys, then ages 6 and 8, out to Scott Air Force Base.

I didn't notice at the time that my 6-year-old was very impressed with flying. He is now a commercial pilot.

Flo Abegg
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Voice Box

What is your 1999 New Year's changes?



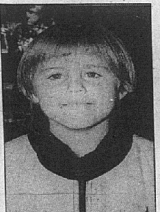
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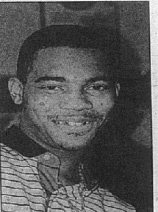
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CARMIKE PETITE
1-70 and Hwy. 197,
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Star Trek (PG) 1:40
Mighty Joe Young
7:25, 8:40
You've Got Mail
7:10, 9:20
Prince of Egypt
4:45, 7:00, 9:15

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Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton
Jack Frost (PG) 2:10
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Movie Schedule

Film timetable for Sunday, Jan. 3. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIKE PETITE

170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill.
344-7708
Star Trek (PG) 1:40, 4:00, 9:20
Mighty Joe Young (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:55, 9:40
You've Got Mail (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 7:10, 9:50
Prince of Egypt (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

EASTGATE CINE

Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill. 258-5289
Jack Frost (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 7:20
Mighty Joe Young (PG) 1:20, 4:00, 6:40
Patch Adams (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10
You've Got Mail (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00

Stepmom (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 8:50
The Faculty (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA

Edwardsville, Ill. 856-6360
The Waterboy (PG-13) 2:30, 7:00
Home Fries (PG-13) 2:30, 7:15
Soldier (R) 2:15, 7:30

LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill. 233-0123
Rush Hour (PG-13) 1:45, 7:05, 9:05
The Siege (R) 1:30, 7:00, 9:15
Antz (PG) 2:00, 7:10
Urban Legend (R) 9:00

NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Village, 877-4630
Star Trek (PG) 2:00, 7:00
The Rugrats Movie (G) 2:15, 6:45

Horoscope

SUNDAY, JAN. 3
The glitz and glamour of the Leo moon take hold as the day progresses. A little extra style goes a long way. The downside is that it may feel as though everyone has to be entertained constantly. The ironic truth is, however, that most people are so busy with their own performances, they are not paying attention to anyone else.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 3). It's a banner year ahead. Extending your education, visiting other countries and meeting new people of distinction are favored. New part-time work in the next five weeks leads you into a more positive career. Relocation may be in the cards for the spring. Money is best in March and July. Sell or buy real estate or cars in June. Love with a Taurus or Cancer is divine.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Plan and practice. You can never be too prepared for an upcoming display of your talent. Struggle is positive, moti-

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vating you to terrific heights. You may think you'd like to relax, but the only one pushing you so hard is you!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Love thrives when you pull back some, relinquishing expectations and cutting out codependent rituals. There's luck in all matters connected with health and fitness. Love can be met through job assignments.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). No matter how challenging the task, you find a way to get it done. Be wary of friends or romantic interests who suggest you make personal changes. People with control issues may be attracted to you now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You excel when others encourage you with competitive suggestions. Ask loved ones what they'll tell you right away. Pull out the stops tonight. You could have great fun with a Libra or Leo.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are chic new ways to make the connections you need. Read up. Explorations and risks are favorable this afternoon, but be more cautious after sundown. A better tool will help you do a better job.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An aggressor tries to get you to back down, but of course, you won't. You give what you can afford, and others are happier than you can imagine. Children look to you for guidance, though they might not understand it now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Excellent ideas are even more compelling when you get a Sagittarius on board. Ask for plenty of opinions before you make a major move. Computer or expect to play a role in your schedule this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Romance can be expensive; think of something wonderful and free to do together, and you'll have just as much fun.

You are starting the new year by cleaning out closets and sweeping behind and under everything.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An unusual event may shock you into a reconsideration of your long-range plans. Love intensifies with a truthful talk. Boring but necessary tasks at work should be completed tonight, since you won't have time later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Taking your cues from someone you respect will lead you down a good path. Let intrigue draw in a romantic hopeful instead of your aggressive suggestions. Action is better than words in the afternoon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Let curiosity guide you. Take the initiative in romance by proposing a unique adventure. A shy admirer may come forward and surprise you. A journey for a cultural event is worth it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are the leader everyone looks to, so step in and prevent misunderstandings. Your public image may seem more important than it is. Modesty is extremely attractive. Love with Sagittarius is divine.



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'The Hi-Lo Country' not typical Western

If James M. Cain ("Double Indemnity," "The Postman Always Rings Twice") had ever written a Western novel, it may well have turned out like "The Hi-Lo Country."

The new Stephen Frears film is more about deceit, adultery and murder than cattle drives

and land grabs. Actually the novel was written by Max Evans in 1961, and its raw drama in post-World War II New Mexico appealed to a young director named Sam Peckinpah.

The maverick filmmaker ("The Wild Bunch") tried

several times to make a deal for "The Hi-Lo Country" with no success, and the project fell into limbo with his death in 1984.

More recently, Martin Scorsese became interested in the novel. Lacking time to direct it himself, he hired Stephen Frears ("The Grifters," "My Beautiful Laundrette").

Walon Green wrote the screen adaptation. The film opens with Pete Calder (Billy Crudup) waiting in his pickup truck outside a prairie church where a funeral is taking place. With a shotgun in his lap, he is obviously bent on revenge. The reason why is told in flashback.

Pete and his best friend, Big Boy Matson (Woody

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Annexation wars, landmark destroyed

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then be able to place it in a Tax Increment Financing district, which will attract new industry.

An East Coast firm has expressed interest in building a \$100 million plant in the area and a TIF is seen as being vital to that development. The four governmental bodies will also support Madison's annexation of all federal properties on Chouteau Island, while Granite City will be supported in its annexations of all federal properties on the east side of the Chain of Rocks Canal.

In the most controversial aspect of the agreement, the four would agree to support a vertical expansion of the landfill, which is slated to close in 2002. Madison County will be allowed to keep its tipping fee from the landfill and the communities will split the proceeds of a new host agreement between the city of Madison and the landfill.

Madison will receive 70 percent of the estimated \$750,000 agreement per year, with Granite City, Venice and the county each receiving 10 percent. If an expansion is approved, that split would change, with Madison receiving 65 percent and Granite City 15 percent.

JACK AND JILL'S FURNITURE DESTROYED
Little remained of Jack and Jill's Furniture store at the corner of Niedringhaus and Delmar except rubble and twisted metal after a fire destroyed the long-time Granite City landmark the night of Nov. 2.

The actual cause is still under investigation, but in December, Granite City police and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, or ATF, declared the fire to be caused by arson. The Granite City Fire Department responded to the fire at about 8:50 p.m. Nov. 2. When the first fire truck arrived, flames fully had already enveloped the building. Materials may have smoldered for several hours before an unknown event caused a backdraft and subsequent explosion. No one was injured.

Several nearby buildings suffered damage from the intense heat and the apartment building adjacent Jack and Jill's suffered major damage.

TIMOTHY WILLIAMS SENTENCED TO 50 YEARS
Remorse over Timothy Williams' vile crimes did not sway Judge Lawrence Keshner from sentencing Williams to 50 years in prison. Keshner sentenced Williams March 5 on eight counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault and two counts of child pornography. Williams had pled guilty to the charges in November 1998, which eliminated the need for a jury trial. Williams was arrested in 1998 after his wife discovered sexually explicit pictures and videotapes of children under 10 in a bag belonging to Williams. He had given the children alcohol, cigarettes and drugs and would perform sexual acts with them and make them do so between each other. Williams was remorseful over his actions and begged the court to castrate him, which Keshner denied.

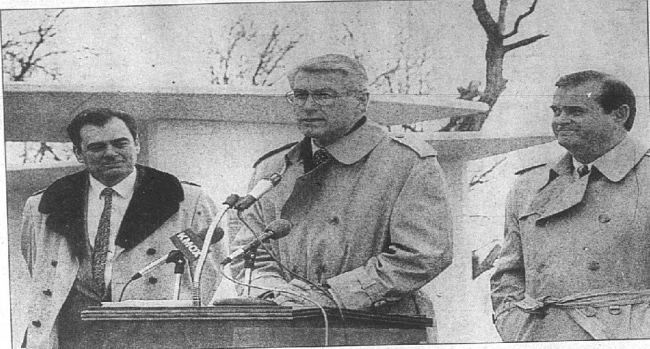
SCHOOLS REMOVED FROM STATE WARNING LIST
Five of six local schools named to the Illinois State Board of Education's Academic Early Warning List last year have improved enough to be removed from the list this year.

Lovejoy Elementary, Lovejoy High School and Lovejoy Junior High School in Brooklyn, Venice High School and Madison Middle School were all taken off the list. Madison High School remains on the list, but was within less than a percentage point of being removed.

When the list was first announced last year, many local educators objected when their schools were portrayed as being the "worst" schools in the state, based on test results. They pointed out that two of the biggest indicators of low test scores — poverty level and mobility (the number of students who will either leave or transfer into a classroom in a given year) were extremely high.

In most of the Metro-East schools named to the watch list last year, the poverty rates approach 90 percent, many times above the state average. To be named to the list, a school must have more than 50%

Schools removed from State Warning List



Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar, center, and U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, right, were among the dignitaries who took part in groundbreaking ceremonies for the new visitor's center at the Lewis and Clark historic site on Illinois 3 and Poag Road during the fall. The center, part of a renovated site, is slated to be completed by 2004, the 200th anniversary of the trek that opened America's frontiers.

Scott-Kelly photo

of its students in the "does not meet" category on all Illinois Goals Assessment Programs test for 2 years or those test scores must show a significant decline over three years. Schools can be removed from the list when more than 50 percent of the students meet or exceed state standards on IGAP test, or - in the case of schools with declining scores - when the percentage of "does not meet" equals or is less than the average of the last four years. When a school is named to the list, it is required by law to submit a school improvement plan to the local board of education and must participate in the state's Quality Assurance review.

GREENWAYS PLAN PROPOSED

Proponents of the Southwest Illinois Regional Greenways Plan. Say it will help officials in Madison, Monroe and St. Clair deal with maintaining green space in the face of rapid development.

The first public hearing on the plan was held in Collinsville in September. The plan is part of a statewide effort to identify and preserve green spaces. One important - and sometimes controversial - source of greenway space, especially bicycle trails - is the abandonment of railroad right-of-ways.

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Thanks for helping us with this project and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

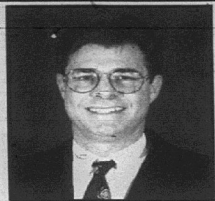
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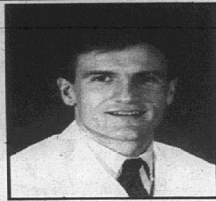
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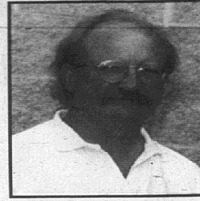
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WB 11 KIDS PAGE

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Laura

Dubba Dubba Update!

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THINK ABOUT IT!

In December we asked, "What's your New Year's Resolution?" Here are some of the answers. We had to shorten some because of space.
Kevin Gray, St. Louis, "My resolution is to try harder at math."
Ryan Robertson, Richmond Heights, "I want to start writing in my diary."
Meghan Pace, St. Louis, "I resolve to not let my brother use any of my stuff for the whole year."
For next month... "If you were given \$1,000 to use to help people, what would you do?"

WORDZLE

...are words that are puzzles that represent a familiar word or phrase.

Ex. WEAR LONG

1. KNOCK WOOD
2. your Hat Keep It
3. SEGG GEGG GEGS
4. I RIGHT I
5. CIRCUS
6. BRAIN POWER!!!

The holidays are over; it's time to go back to school. Shake those cobwebs and try these. The answers are somewhere on this page.

1. What word can be pronounced quicker by adding a syllable to it?
2. Which is better... an old one-hundred-dollar bill or a new one?
3. Which is faster "heat" or "cold"?

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3:00pm Warner Bros. Histeria! (E/I)
4:00pm New Batman/Superman Adventures
5:00pm Sister, Sister
5:30pm Boy Meets World

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6:00am Space Monkeys
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8:30am Men in Black: The Series
9:00am Pinky, Elmyra & the Brain
9:30am Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries
10:30am Warner Bros. Histeria! (E/I)
11:00am Voltron: The Third Dimension
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Sundays
8:30am War Planets
9:00am Beast Wars
9:30am The Lionhearts (E/I)
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7:00 PM Sister, Sister
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Genuine first lady

Joan E. Pieper was more than baseball wife

The term "first lady" is used to describe a political wife, and conjures images as varied as the people to whom the term has been applied.

During the Christmas break, I realized just what a "first lady" is, and how often we might take her traits for granted.

Joan Pieper, who died at age 45 on Dec. 20 in Columbia, was that kind of person. As the wife of



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league, she was more than someone who might be called "a baseball wife."

That did not mean, though, that baseball was not a large influence on her. Her brother Jim, for instance, had reached the major leagues as a

left-handed pitcher with the Texas Rangers in 1973 and with the Chicago Cubs in '74. She knew that sports would be a part of her life from the time she and Dennis were youngsters

playing ball, when the Pieper and Kremmel families met at the Hickory Hollow Club south of Columbia.

Joan Pieper's character and dignity allowed her to become a mother figure to some of the McKendree players. But to her, she was just doing the same as when her loyalty led her to becoming a friend and supporter of Valmeyer baseball.

Even as a broker and agent for Primerica Financial Services of Belleville, Joan was recognized for her dedication, friendliness and honesty.

No wonder then why, upon hearing of her bout with the cancer that struck last summer, so many people expressed concern about the coach's wife. No wonder then why so many stood in line to pay respect at the Lawler-Mueller Chapel in Columbia and at her funeral at the St. Paul United Church of Christ in Columbia.

Yet, the tribute to Joan E. Pieper — whose survivors include a daughter, Maria Gummersheimer of Columbia; and a grandson, Jacob Eric Gummersheimer — will never end.

For those of us who watched her gallant struggle and watched her ignore the pain while functioning as a wife, mother and grandmother, there can be no better example of love to carry for more than just the Christmas weeks of our lives.

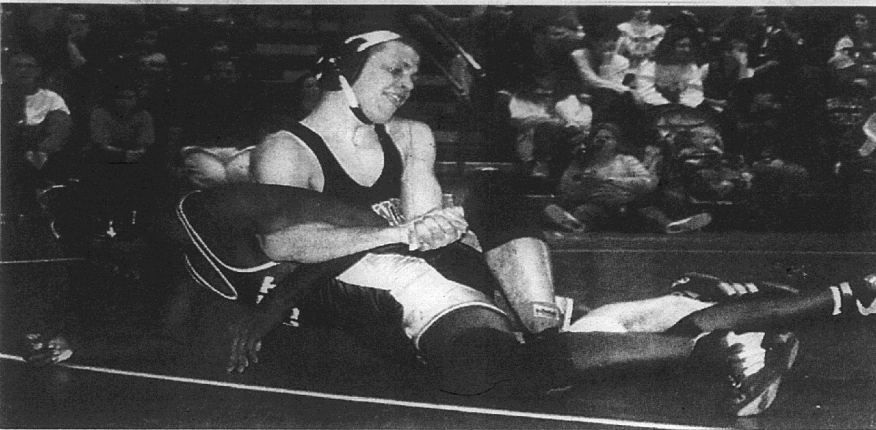
Married in surroundings of a baseball motif — the invitations referred to the home and visiting teams, to the starting lineup, and to the minister as game official — Joan was proud of being able to share her love of "the coach" with her friends.

"She was the best general manager I ever played for," Dennis would say of his wife. "The best," said by her husband, the baseball manager, and her friends. My sympathy to Dennis and family.

Overtime

Congrats to former Belleville resident Kirk Bedwell for being named the Campaign Kiwanis Club Man of the Year.

Warriors pin down second place



Granite City's Kevin Venne (on top) won the 215-pound championship in the 38th annual William "Red" Schmitt Holiday Wrestling Tournament.

Narvaez, Venne win individual titles but Oakville wins tournament crown

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

It went down to the wire, but the top two teams in the final standings at the

PREP WRESTLING 38th annual

William "Red" Schmitt Holiday Wrestling Tournament ended up in the same position they did a year ago. Oakville topped the host Warriors, 248-226.

"I didn't come here to get second place," Granite City coach Mike Garland said. "What really hurt us is that we didn't get much production from our 140-pounder and we got absolutely no points from the 130-pounder, and that's probably 50 points right there."

"Last week, Bobby Grammer (189) wins the Springfield Tournament, which is big, and comes to our tournament and — for

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Granite City stays alive in tournament

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City played its consolation-round semifinal game early

BOYS BASKETBALL Wednesday morning at the Collinsville High/Schnucks Holiday Classic ... and the effects of the early-bird special showed.

The Warriors were able to shake off the bedbugs for a 9 a.m. start and outslug Jacksonville 55-43.

"I thought we did pretty well," Warriors center Chris Tindall said. "Our defense was lacking in the beginning, but toward the end we started hitting our shots and started boxing out."

"It seems like we've been starting slow every game. The first quarter kills us and after the first half, if you look at our points per game, we get most of them after the first quarter. But I think everybody did a good job of shooting and boxing out."

"A 9 o'clock game in the morning is tough," Granite City coach John

Warriors reach consolation championship tilt at Collinsville with win against Jacksonville

VanBuskirk said. "We tried to make sure we won the first quarter. We did, 10-9, and that's not saying very much but you have to be positive at 9 in the morning."

After the lackluster first quarter, the Warriors outscored Jacksonville in steady increments to lead 20-20 at half and 41-32 after three quarters.

"We tried to play the game in quarters and make sure that we won the second quarter," VanBuskirk said. "I thought we had a chance in the second quarter to take a bigger lead and we didn't do it."

When point guard Zack May picked up his third foul with 5:24 to go in the second quarter, the Warriors faced some trouble. But freshman Teddy Wallace stepped in and — along with Tindall and Kevin Elliott — led the attack. The Warriors pushed the ball inside to Matt Pistorius, who scored 16

of his team-high 21 points in the first half.

"Matt has been our leading scorer most of the year," VanBuskirk said. "Today, the other kids got him the ball and he got some layups but that was our intent. The other kids knew what to do and they did a good job. They got him the ball where it was easy for him to score."

"I'm sure he will be the first one to credit the guards for getting him the ball because they got the assists on those. He's been our leading scorer and he's been very consistent, probably the most consistent player that we've had so far. He's scoring a lot of points for us and you have to like that."

"It was everybody else," Pistorius said. "We were breaking the 1-3-1 and I would just stand right under the basket and Kevin, Ted and Zack would throw it to me. They should get most

of the credit because they did it, I just made the layup."

"I think the slow start was just being early in the morning. Coach got us here early, but still, it was an early-morning game and they are hard to get up for."

Tindall scored 14 points and seven rebounds. Zack May added 7 points while Elliott, Mike Simpson and sophomore James Tapp each had 4 points.

In the first round Monday, the Warriors lost 67-41 to Chatham Glenwood, which was still unbeaten for the year heading into Wednesday's semifinal round. Granite City beat Triad 67-34 on Tuesday to stay alive in the tournament.

"I get a sense that we play good in spurts," VanBuskirk said. "We haven't put together a good hard 32 minutes, we play in spurts. Jacksonville got it to 23-27 and then all of a sudden it was like, 'OK, we're going to kick it in, give it a little gas and go,' and that's

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Tim Stephenson photo

Fourth-place finish

Granite City's Janelle Jankes (41), Christina Withers (32) and Sarah Luehmann (42) control the ball during a recent game for the Warriors girls basketball team. The Warriors finished in fourth place last week at the Nashville-Lebanon Holiday Classic. Granite City beat Lebanon 52-38 on Monday in the first round behind 14 points from Debra Aaron and 13 from Jessica Wallace. In Tuesday's action, the Warriors lost 50-44 to Waterloo Gibault in the semifinals and then bowed 51-35 to Freeburg in the third-place game. Host Nashville won the tournament.

Anderson keeps Blue Rage on course

Freeburg unbeaten in 10 games

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

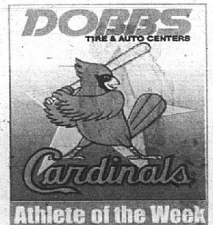
Most hockey coaches would be thrilled to have a player averaging a goal per game.

But in Justin Anderson, Freeburg coach Craig Buntensch has something even better. Anderson, a junior transfer from Belleville East, had 20 goals and nine assists in 10 games for the Blue Rage, who got off to an 8-0-2 start in their first season in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association.

Freeburg competes in the Eastern Division of the MVA's Class A Conference, comprised of small schools and first-year programs.

"We were dealt a really good hand," Buntensch said. "Not only do we have (Anderson), we have (senior defenseman) Justin Liefer and (sophomore center) Andy Schlesinger. Liefer played with Belleville East last year. Schlesinger has a lot of roller hockey experience and he's made the transition to ice hockey exceptionally well."

Justin Anderson played Cahokia Youth Association hockey. His mother lives in the Freeburg school district



and he moved back there solely for academics, but it happened to work to work out well for the hockey team.

Anderson, who moved away from Freeburg after eighth grade to play hockey at East, was one of the Lancers' top players for the past two seasons. But 20 goals in 10 games at Freeburg was more than Buntensch expected.

"I take it with a grain of salt because he wouldn't have as many goals if we were in (Class) AA, but he's

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Boys basketball

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS
Overall record (9-2)
Coach: Doug McCrory

November	
28 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central	L 69-70
30-4 Pattonville Tournament	
vs. Florissant (Mo.) McCluer	W 71-69
vs. St. Louis CBC	L 47-58
vs. St. Louis Chamade	W 72-63
December	
8 O'Fallon	W 64-58 (OT)
11 at Alton	W 61-59 (OT)
12 at Granite City	W 61-46
19 at Belleville West	W 64-46
23-30 Collinsville Tournament	
28 vs. Jacksonville	W 73-56
29 vs. Decatur MacArthur	W 86-76 (OT)
January	
2 at Edwardsville	8 p.m.
8 Collinsville	8 p.m.
16 East St. Louis	8 p.m.
19-22 Belleville East Tournament	18A
20 Alton	8 p.m.
30 Waterloo Shootout	7:30 p.m.
February	
5 at Granite City	8 p.m.
12 at Edwardsville	8 p.m.
19 at Collinsville	8 p.m.
26 at Belleville West	8 p.m.
28 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS
Overall record (7-4)
Coach: Bill Schmidt

November	
24-25 Belleville West Tournament	W 46-40
24 vs. Mater Del.	W 46-40
25 vs. Mascoutah	W 70-58 (OT)
27 vs. O'Fallon	L 48-58
28 vs. Triad	W 72-54
December	
4 St. Louis U. High	W 62-59
11 East St. Louis	W 62-59
12 at Granite City	L 46-63
18 at Alton	W 75-71
19 at Belleville East	L 36-44
23-30 Collinsville Tournament	
28 vs. Chicago Career	L 44-49
29 vs. Cahokia	W 54-52
January	
8 at Edwardsville	8 p.m.
9 O'Fallon	8 p.m.
15 at Belleville East	8 p.m.
16 at Collinsville	8 p.m.
19-22 Belleville East Tournament	18A
30 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.
February	
5 Alton	8 p.m.
12 Granite City	8 p.m.
13 at Alton	8 p.m.
19 Edwardsville	8 p.m.
20 at Belleville East	8 p.m.
26 Collinsville	8 p.m.

COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS
Coach: Bob Bone
Overall record (5-4)

November	
26-28 at Quincy Tournament	L 58-65
26 vs. Peoria Richmond	W 64-46
27 vs. Springfield Southeast	W 64-46
28 vs. Quincy	W 64-60
December	
4 at East St. Louis	L 59-68
11 at Edwardsville	L 39-54
12 St. Louis Naval Jr. ROTC	W 66-44
19 at Centralia	L 49-54
23-30 Schnucks Holiday Classic	
28 vs. Decatur Eisenhower	W 61-56
29 vs. Dixon	W 48-44
January	
2 Alton	8 p.m.
8 at Belleville East	8 p.m.
9 St. Louis Beaumont	8 p.m.
15 at Granite City	8 p.m.
16 Belleville West	8 p.m.
23 Hazelwood (Mo.) West	8 p.m.
29 East St. Louis	8 p.m.
30 Edwardsville	8 p.m.
October	
5 Jefferson City (Mo.)	8 p.m.
12 at Alton	8 p.m.
12 Quincy	7:30 p.m.
19 Belleville East	8 p.m.
20 Granite City	8 p.m.
26 Belleville West	8 p.m.

EAST ST. LOUIS FLYERS
Overall record (6-3)
Coach: Bennie Lewis

November	
25-28 Galesburg	W 70-61
25 vs. Galesburg	W 63-59
27 vs. Aurora West	W 66-44
28 vs. Peoria Woodruff	W 66-44
December	
4 Collinsville	W 65-59
11 at Belleville West	L 42-58
18 Edwardsville	L 42-58
19 at Peoria Central	L 37-45
23-30 Collinsville Tournament	
28 vs. Madison	W 67-35
29 vs. O'Fallon	W 50-45
January	
8 Granite City	8 p.m.
16 at Belleville East	8 p.m.
26 at Collinsville	8 p.m.
30 Belleville West	8 p.m.

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS
Overall record (4-1)
Coach: Mike Waldo

December	
4 at Granite City	L 55-56
11 Collinsville	W 54-39
15 at Jerseyville	W 62-52
19 at East St. Louis	W 58-42
21 at Taylorville	W 55-34
23-30 Charleston Tournament	
28 vs. Quincy	W 55-45
January	
2 at Belleville East	8 p.m.
8 Belleville West	8 p.m.
16 Alton	8 p.m.
20-22 at Salem Tournament	18A
29 Granite City	8 p.m.
30 at Collinsville	8 p.m.
February	
2 at Civic Memorial	8 p.m.
5 East St. Louis	8 p.m.
5 Cahokia	8 p.m.
9 Highland	8 p.m.
12 Belleville East	8 p.m.
16 at Belleville West	8 p.m.

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS
Overall record (8-3)
Coach: John Van Buskirk

November	
23-26 at Alton Tournament	W 80-51
23 vs. Springfield Lanphier	W 75-69
23 vs. Cahokia	L 66-76
27 vs. Alton	L 66-76
28 vs. Madison	W 44-40
December	
4 Edwardsville	W 55-55
5 at Triad	W 50-48
12 Belleville West	W 53-48
18 at Belleville East	L 46-51
19 Jerseyville	W 56-53
23-30 Collinsville Tournament	
28 vs. Chatham Glenwood	L 41-57
29 vs. Triad	W 67-54
30 vs. Jacksonville	W 56-43
January	
5 at Civic Memorial	8 p.m.
9 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.
15 Collinsville	8 p.m.
16 McCluer North	8 p.m.
20-22 at Salem Tournament	8 p.m.
29 at Edwardsville	8 p.m.
30 at Alton	8 p.m.
February	
5 Belleville East	8 p.m.
12 at Belleville West	8 p.m.
19 East St. Louis	8 p.m.
20 at Collinsville	8 p.m.

MASCOUTAH INDIANS
Overall record (9-3)
Coach: Scott Oltmann

November	
24-26 Belleville West Tournament	W 66-70 (OT)
25 vs. Belleville West	W 66-70 (OT)
27 vs. Triad	W 63-59
28 vs. Mater Del.	W 53-48
29 vs. O'Fallon	L 36-54
December	
1 Alton	W 70-50
4 Westlin	W 53-36
11 Highland	W 50-34
15 at Civic Memorial	W 47-45
26-30 Mater Del Tournament	
28 vs. Sparta	W 51-46
29 vs. Alton	W 52-51
29 vs. Oakville	W 52-51
29 vs. Mater Del.	W 37-36
January	
2 at Freiburg	8 p.m.
8 Jerseyville	8 p.m.
9 Waterloo	8 p.m.
13 at Oakville	8 p.m.
15 at Triad	8 p.m.
19-23 Nashville Tournament	18A
20 at Triad	8 p.m.
February	
2 at Highland	8 p.m.
9 Civic Memorial	8 p.m.
12 at Oakville	8 p.m.
16 at Waterloo	8 p.m.
23 Salem	8 p.m.
24 at Jerseyville	8 p.m.

TRIAD KNIGHTS
Overall record (2-8)
Coach: Bob Sudhoff

November	
24-26 Belleville West Tournament	L 51-59
25 vs. Mascoutah	8 p.m.
28 vs. Belleville West	L 54-72
28 vs. Mater Del.	L 57-58
December	
5 Granite City	L 45-50 (OT)
8 at Breese Central	L 51-56
11 at Waterloo	L 51-56
18 at Collinsville	L 51-56
23-30 Collinsville Tournament	
28 vs. Quincy	L 36-52
29 at Granite City	L 54-67
January	
8 Civic Memorial	8 p.m.
9 Effingham	8 p.m.
15 Mascoutah	8 p.m.
16 at O'Fallon	L 51-59
19 at Belleville West	L 51-59
23 at Belleville West	L 51-59
February	
3 at Mater Del.	8 p.m.
5 Waterloo	8 p.m.
12 Jerseyville	8 p.m.
16 at Civic Memorial	8 p.m.
20 Highland	8 p.m.
23 at Edwardsville	8 p.m.

WATERLOO BULLDOGS
Overall record (5-5)

November	
24-28 Waterloo Tournament	W 70-42
24 vs. New Athens	L 37-49
25 vs. Springfield	W 52-50
28 vs. Greenville	L 46-57
December	
4 at Jerseyville	W 46-43
11 Triad	W 66-51
12 at Freiburg	W 67-41 (OT)
16 at Madison	L 33-36
18 at Civic Memorial	L 48-58
23-30 Collinsville Tournament	
28 vs. Dixon	L 42-64
January	
2 Red Bud	8 p.m.
5 Lebanon	8 p.m.
8 at Mascoutah	8 p.m.
15 at Belleville West	8 p.m.
19-23 Springfield Tournament	18A
29 at Salem	8 p.m.
February	
5 at Triad	8 p.m.
9 at Columbia	8 p.m.
12 at Highland	8 p.m.
16 Mascoutah	8 p.m.

CAHOKIA COMANCHES
Overall record (2-10)
Coach: Roscoe Dowell

November	
24-26 Alton Tournament	L 69-75
25 vs. Granite City	W 55-50
28 vs. Springfield Lanphier	L 61-85
29 at Alton	L 75-69
December	
4 at Marissa	8 p.m.
8 at New Athens	8 p.m.
15 at Breese Central	8 p.m.
23 vs. Madison	8 p.m.
28 vs. Springfield	8 p.m.
29 at Venice	8 p.m.
January	
5 at Marissa	8 p.m.
8 at New Athens	8 p.m.
15 at Breese Central	8 p.m.
23 vs. Madison	8 p.m.
28 vs. Springfield	8 p.m.
29 at Venice	8 p.m.
February	
5 at Marissa	8 p.m.
8 at New Athens	8 p.m.
15 at Breese Central	8 p.m.
23 vs. Madison	8 p.m.
28 vs. Springfield	8 p.m.
29 at Venice	8 p.m.



Granite City's Zack May, left, looks to pass to a teammate.

December	
3 at Centralia	L 49-61
5 Venice	W 69-54
12 Mount Vernon	L 38-92
18 Marion	L 48-51
19 O'Fallon	L 42-74
22 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central	L 53-64
23-30 Centralia Tournament	
28 vs. Paducah (Ky.) Tighman	L 49-65
29 vs. Belleville West	L 52-64
January	
8 at Normal	8 p.m.
16 Alton	8 p.m.
21 Lowry	8 p.m.
29 at O'Fallon	8 p.m.
30 Centralia	8 p.m.
February	
5 Carbondale	8 p.m.
6 at Edwardsville	8 p.m.
8 St. Louis Visual & Performing Arts	8 p.m.
13 at Oakville	8 p.m.
18 at Carbondale	8 p.m.
19 at Carbondale	8 p.m.
20 at Marion	8 p.m.
20 at Mount Vernon	8 p.m.

O'FALLON PANTHERS
Coach: Kevin Kelleman

November	
24-26 Belleville West Tournament	W 89-51
24 vs. Triad	W 89-51
25 vs. Mater Del.	W 56-48
28 vs. Belleville West	W 56-48
28 vs. Mascoutah	W 56-48
December	
4 Alton	W 61-62
11 Marion	W 66-59
18 at Mount Vernon	W 58-52
13 at Centralia	W 74-42
12 Nashville	W 74-42
23-30 Collinsville Tournament	
28 vs. Springfield Sacred Heart Griffin	W 44-42
29 vs. East St. Louis	L 40-56
January	
8 at Carbondale	8 p.m.
9 at Belleville West	8 p.m.
12 Mater Del.	8 p.m.
15 Triad	8 p.m.
19-23 Belleville East Tournament	18A
28 at Cahokia	8 p.m.
February	
5 at Marion	8 p.m.
9 St. Louis U. High	8 p.m.
12 Mount Vernon	8 p.m.
13 at Centralia	8 p.m.
20 Carbondale	8 p.m.
28 Highland	8 p.m.

COLUMBIA EAGLES
Overall record (7-5)
Coach: Dave Touchette

November	
23-26 Lebanon Thanksgiving Tournament	L 42-63
23 vs. Nashville	L 42-63
25 vs. Staunton	W 62-59
29 vs. Columbia	W 53-54
29 vs. Red Bud	L 41-43
December	
5 at Steeleville	L 67-60
11 at Duqu	W 58-52
12 Nashville Shootout	W 58-63
15 Vainmeyer	W 60-61
18 Carle	W 75-77
23-30 Freiburg Tournament	
26 vs. Livingston	W 61-34
28 vs. Red Bud	W 58-49
29 vs. Gibson	L 53-66
January	
5 at Marissa	8 p.m.
8 at New Athens	8 p.m.
15 at Breese Central	8 p.m.
23 vs. Madison	8 p.m.
28 vs. Springfield	8 p.m.
29 at Venice	8 p.m.
February	
5 at Marissa	8 p.m.
8 at New Athens	8 p.m.
15 at Breese Central	8 p.m.
23 vs. Madison	8 p.m.
28 vs. Springfield	8 p.m.
29 at Venice	8 p.m.

December	
5 Red Bud	8 p.m.
9 Waterloo	8 p.m.
12 at Mater Del.	W 73-65
18 Freiburg	W 69-61
26 vs. New Athens	W 87-67
28 vs. Dupo	W 73-60
29 vs. Civic Memorial	W 126-75
January	
5 at Waterloo	8 p.m.
8 at Marissa	8 p.m.
12 Alton	8 p.m.
19 Carle	8 p.m.
19-23 Sparta Tournament	18A
26 at Madison	8 p.m.
29 vs. West Frankfort	W 56-41
29 vs. Chester	W 56-51
29 vs. Wood River	L 46-51
February	
1 Livinston	W 58-40
11 Metro-East Lutheran	L 730-0 p.m.
5 at Bunker Hill	L 51-67
8 Vainmeyer	W 58-41
11 Columbia	L 52-58
12 Nashville Shootout	W 49-47
18 at Red Bud	L 26-53
15 at Venice	L 71-73
23-30 Columbia-Freiburg Tournament	
28 vs. Roxana	W 75-105
29 vs. Plaza Southwestern	L 80-93

DUPO TIGERS
Overall record (6-7)
Coach: Norm Thompson

November	
24-26 Metro-East Lutheran Classic	W 56-47
27 vs. St. Charles (Mo.) Lutheran	W 56-47
27 vs. Chester	W 56-51
28 vs. Wood River	L 46-51
December	
1 Livingston	W 58-40
5 at Bunker Hill	L 51-67
8 Vainmeyer	W 58-41
11 Columbia	L 52-58
12 Nashville Shootout	W 49-47
18 at Red Bud	L 26-53
15 at Venice	L 71-73
23-30 Columbia-Freiburg Tournament	
28 vs. Roxana	W 75-105
29 vs. Plaza Southwestern	L 80-93
January	
5 Breese Central	8 p.m.
11 Metro-East Lutheran	L 730-0 p.m.
5 at Bunker Hill	L 51-67
8 Vainmeyer	W 58-41
11 Columbia	L 52-58
12 Nashville Shootout	W 49-47
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28 vs. Roxana	W 75-105
29 vs. Plaza Southwestern	L 80-93
February	
2 at Freiburg	8 p.m.
8 Lebanon	8 p.m.
11 at Marissa	

Warriors finish second in own tourney

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whatever reason — doesn't wrestle up to expectations and scores zero points. Ryan Worthen (140), a senior, hasn't wrestled well in two weeks. He needs to pick it up in the wrestling room, that's Ryan Worthen's problem. He's so worried about cutting weight that he's not worrying about wrestling and it's showing on the mat.

"Hopefully, those guys can learn from that and step it up because it's a long season and it would be awful to wrestle like that for the rest of the year."

Despite having four wrestlers bow out before the elimination rounds, the Warriors made it close against Rocky Streb's Oakville team.

"I believe that if all of our guys wrestled up to their potential, we could have beaten Oakville but that's the difference between first and second place," Garland said. "His kids came mentally and physically prepared and beat us fair and square. They are the best team in the area right now. That's why we have them in this tournament. I'm not going to make excuses. Rocky has a great team, he's got good kids, and we gave it our best shot. A couple of my kids didn't perform, but it's a team effort and that's going to happen. It's my job to get the kids prepared."

It's the kids' job to come in and be ready."

There were bright spots for the Warriors. Brooks Narvaez toyed with Corey Ford in the finale. At the start of the match, Ford head-slapped Narvaez several times before the Warriors senior picked Ford up and threw him to the ground. Narvaez got called for an illegal move and lost a point, but went on to win by technical fall in just 2 minutes 57 seconds.

"I wasn't all that pumped up for the match because I had wrestled the kid earlier in the tournament," Narvaez said. "I wasn't planning on that kind of outcome."

"I guess he thought he could use the cheapshots to try and get me off of my game. I don't know what he was trying to do, but it was making me mad. It lifted me up for the match. But that's the name of the game, trying to get the other guys off of their game. I didn't think the slam call was very appropriate. I didn't slam him, I was just doing a move."

Narvaez was pleased with his performance in the tournament. It may not have been technically immaculate, but it was dominating.

"I think it was good, it was sound."

he said. "I accomplished my main goals. I think I wrestled a little bit better here than I did at Springfield. There wasn't quite the competition here for me that there was at Springfield, but it's hard to judge."

"I think, overall, I was a lot more confident. I was ready, I've been mentally preparing myself for the last week. I didn't want a repeat of the Springfield Tournament (second place). I was a little jittery at the beginning, but then as the first day went by I felt sound, probably at my peak."

"Narvaez wrestled tough," Garland said. "He had a good tournament. I think he needs to work on keeping his composure. You can't let things like that get to you."

"It's a learning process. Sure, they're seniors and mature and they have the experience, but they're still kids. They still have that factor. It's my job as the coach to straighten him out. But he'll be OK. That's really the only time he's done it in four years. Everybody has their limits."

The Warriors had finalists in the two lowest weight classes — Steve Peach (103 pounds) and Jake Tranj (112 pounds) — but both fell in the title round and took second place.

Paul Johnson took fourth place at 125 pounds and Worthen finished fifth at 140. Dennis Davis lost his fifth-round

match at 135 to Edwardsville's Josh Mercer, 6-0.

George Kirgan lost a heart-breaker in the 160 final. He almost had his opponent, Oakville's Scott Barker, pinned at the end of the first period, but the buzzer sounded with Barker still alive. Barker went on to outscore Kirgan 7-6.

"I didn't see what time was left," Kirgan said. "I was just shooting, trying to get a takedown. I got the takedown and at first I thought I was going to pin him, but I guess there wasn't enough time left. I could have pinned him if I had five more seconds."

Kevin Venne had a tough time in the 215 final but managed to hold on for a 2-1 victory against Oakville's Laron Coleman.

"Body-wise, he was stronger than me," Venne said. "He had good position all of the time. His stance was real good, it was low to the ground, he had his hands out in front of him, which made it a whole lot harder for me to get in on him and get a shot. I shot 10 times and didn't get one takedown. That's pretty much telling you something."

"His stance is real low. He was a big, strong, physical kid and that made it hard for me to do things."

38th annual Granite City William "Red" Schmitt Holiday Wrestling Tournament

Team Standings
1. Oakville (Mo.) 248; 2. Granite City 226; 3. Mahomet-Seymour 199; 4. Florissant (Mo.) 187; 5. St. Charles County (Mo.) 175; 6. St. Charles County (Mo.) 161; 7. North 170; 8. Edwardsville 164; 9. Mount Zion 155; 10. Belleville West 150; 11. Bethalto Central 148; 12. Belleville East 142; 13. Belleville Althoff 137; 14. O'Fallon 135; 15. Hazelwood (Mo.) 134; 16. St. Jacob Triad 130; 17. East St. Louis 126; 18. Carondelet 116.

Championship matches
103 pounds — Gabe Fowler (FHN) defeated Steve Peach (GC), 14-5.
112 — Merrick Meyer (FHN) pinned Jake Tranj (GC), 3-46.
118 — Joe Rujiwaj (BW) defeated J.D. McKinney (HC), 8-7.
125 — Jason Johnston (MS) defeated Chris Ake (MH), 5-1.
130 — Dustin Schoemann (Althoff) pinned Tim Vogel (Oakville), 2-41.
135 — Ted Cox (MS) defeated Jake Hopson (Oakville), 9-2.
140 — Blake Birtelmann (Althoff) defeated Brian Hawhurst (M2), 3-2.
145 — Nathan McMillan (MZ) defeated Kevin Venne (GC), 9-5.
152 — Brooks Narvaez (GC) defeated Corey Ford (BW) by technical fall, 2-57.
160 — Scott Barker (Oakville) defeated George Kirgan (GC), 7-6.
171 — Andy Ray (MS) defeated Sean Box (Edwardsville), 5-3.
180 — Kevin Venne (GC) defeated Joe Davis (Edwardsville), 3-2.
215 — Kevin Venne (GC) defeated Laron Coleman (Oakville), 2-1.
275 — Mike Wakim (MN) defeated Dan Woldengen (FHN), 3-1.

Anderson keeping Blue Rage on course with his 20 goals, 9 assists

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an integral part of our team," Buntbach said. "He has a knack for reading the play and he has a good physical presence on the ice. He can take a big hit and he can throw a big hit."

"He's matured since the season began and he helps myself and (assistant coach) Craig Steiner in working with the less experienced kids. He's a good source of information."

"Even in games where he hasn't scored or has only one goal, he's still our go-to guy in the crunch. I'm happy to have him again next year."

The 6-foot-1, 175-pound Anderson has surprised himself with his scoring prowess this season.

"I'd like to thank the Freeburg fans. For a brand-new team, we've had the most fans of all the teams we've played. The kids and parents do a great job of supporting us. They push us to play harder."

Justin Anderson

"It's more than I expected because I'm more of a passing-type person," Anderson said. "But I had to change a little bit to play with the rest of this team. The guys have caught on real fast and they're playing great. I wouldn't have 20

goals without them.

"I feel like I've improved, but I've got a long way to go. I'm trying to be a little more defensive-minded and I think I've become a better all-around player."

It wasn't long ago that Anderson was an ice hockey beginner. He didn't play until his freshman season at East, although he began skating the previous summer at Cahokia.

"I started right away at East and picked it up pretty fast, but I had some good coaches along the way," Anderson said. "You have to be in great shape to play this game. Endurance is the key word in hockey."

"The main transition (in coming to Freeburg) was just experience. At East, it was

a fast-paced, hard-hitting game, and with Freeburg, it's becoming that way. There's not much of a difference."

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Buntbach, meanwhile, is having as much fun as his players.

"I knew coming in we would probably do well, but with a first-year team, you're never sure," he said. "Some kids didn't know anything about the game, but they're eager to learn. They're like a sponge — they're willing to absorb anything you tell them."

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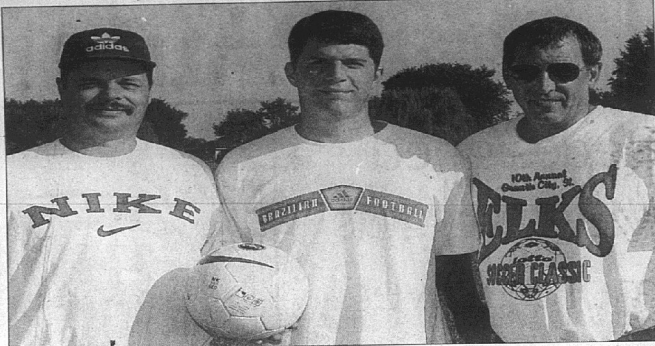
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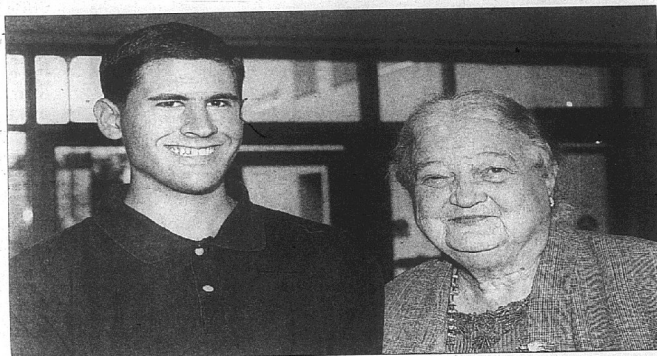


Scholarship recipients

The Belleville Area College Foundation recently announced its 1998-99 scholarship recipients. Above left, students Monique Flager of Belleville, left, and Joanna Shemonic of Steelville, recipients of U.S. Rep. Jerry F. Costello Scholarships, are pictured with Costello. The scholarships are awarded to residents of U.S. Congressional District 12: one from St. Clair County or Madison County and another from Monroe County or Randolph County. Recipients are returning adult



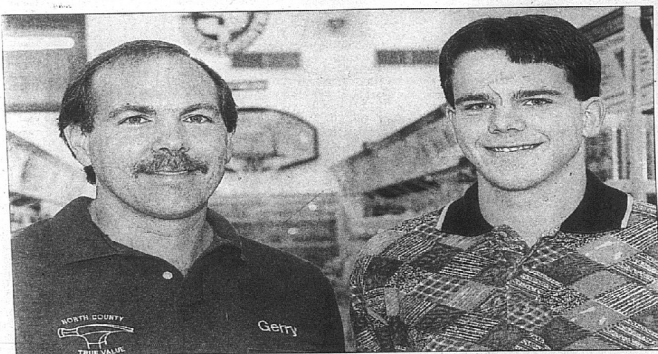
students, enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours and having completed a minimum of six credit hours. Above right, student Dennis Holland, center, of Granite City, recipient of the Granite City Elks Club Soccer Scholarship, is pictured with Larry Petri, left, BAC soccer coach, and Randy Witter, youth athletic director for the Granite City Elks Club. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student on the BAC soccer team who lives in Granite City.



Student Geoff Ritter of Steelville, recipient of the William Howard Davis Memorial Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with Lucille Davis of Belleville. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time, second-year pre-engineering student.



Student Carol Horn of Belleville, recipient of the William H. Mentzer Scholarship, is pictured with Mentzer's son, Tom. Mentzer's family established the award in his memory. The award is given to a full- or part-time student who lives in the Belleville area.



Student Curtis Stoll of Red Bud, right, recipient of the North County True Value Home Center Scholarship, is pictured with Gerry Niemann, True Value owner. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student pursuing a business-related career who lives in Red Bud or Randolph County.



Student Michelle Gagnon of Maryville, recipient of the Egyptian Radio Club Scholarship, is pictured with Tod West, club treasurer. The scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time student attending classes on the Granite City Campus.



Student Stephanie Scharf, center, of Smithton, recipient of the Orison and Fern Selbert Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with the Selberts. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who recently graduated from Freeburg High School and is committed to earning a higher degree.



Student Bruce Boxdorfer, center, of Belleville, recipient of the Brenda Smith Memorial Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with Charles and Margaret Smith. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time, second-year physical therapist assistant student. It is one of 100 privately funded scholarships made available to BAC students through the Foundation.

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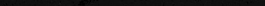
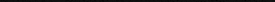
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ACROSS

1 Scouting substance

5 Giant step

10 College official with a list

14 Denizen of the dark side

16 Apple juice

20 Battle sine qua non

22 Give the slip

23 Poet's resolution?

24 Symbol of domesticity

27 Vast Turkish region

28 Lukevarian

29 Attack of conscience, perhaps

30 Tied off

31 Oscar-winner

32 Oscar-winner

33 Way of doing things

34 Form of transport

35 The score

41 Woodwind

42 Treador's resolution?

43 "u"

44 Long ago

45 Darya

46 Across

47 Like Felix Unger

48 New neighbor

51 Season on the Seine

52 Barber's resolution?

53 Location

54 Aways

55 Skips

56 Of a forlorn bone

57 Bizarre

58 Ecole attendee

59 Energy fields, of a sort

60 Anglo

61 Illinois city on the Mississippi

62 Type of tree

63 Diva's resolution?

64 Floral greeting

65 Tatters

66 die

67 kneeling stool

108 Get the suits out

109 Russian inland sea

110 Belly button description

111 Writer Wiesel

112 High dudgeon

113 Actress

114 Schneider

115 of lamb

116 cabinet items

117 Fugate's "A Lesson from"

118 Shortened

119 Seal cover

120 Comes to the rescue

121 Prayer beads

122 Bar, legally

123 Violinist-composer

124 105 Tiling, area

125 Stationer's resolution?

126 Down

127 Old music rival

128 Islands off Galway

129 Inhabit in Pisa

130 taskmaster

131 As angels, at times

132 Like Mr. Miquetot

133 7 Old music halls

134 Encountered

135 Trumpeted-up excuse

136 105 Stationer's resolution?

137 Something well

138 Space-age letters

139 Surrounded by

140 Go-ahead signal

141 Flood protection

142 Of Swiss

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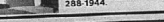
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